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## SUICIDE OF FILIPINO LADY.

Aurelia Mendoza, aged 27, a Filipino lady, yesterday morning at 5 a.m. committed suicide by throwing herself from the verandah outside her ward on the first floor of the Government Civil Hospital where she had been for some time under treatment for influenza. The Police are making inquiries with a view to locating her relatives and notifying them of the occurrence.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[BY COURTESY OF THE H.K. DAILY PRESS.]

### PARLIAMENT RE-OPENED.

PEKING, Feb. 2.

The second session of Parliament opened yesterday. The Premier delivered a speech, and the city was beflagged.

### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Peace Conference deadlock has created a fear that dramatic events are impending. The *Peking Leader* urges that the Conference be not permitted to break up.

### OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONALISATION WAKENING.

The opposition to internationalisation is weakening, the pro-Japanese members of the Cabinet realising that the scheme will certainly succeed, with or without Japan's participation.

### HONGKONG EVENINGS.

Hongkong a lovely place is, So full of scenic graces, All bathed in sunshine bright. It's busy through the day time, But when it comes to 'play time, There's naught to do at night.

There may be jinks and revels Upon the higher levels, And homes where all is bright; But for the poor new-comer, There is (until the summer) Nowhere to go at night.

'Twixt work and bed it's dreary, For the stranger all foot weary, Who shrinks from getting tight. As if it were concerted The Clubs are all deserted From tea-time until night.

Thank goodness there is dinner Which helps the harmless sinner For an hour his boredom fight. In spite of all your strictures One cannot stand the Pictures On every blooming night.

### THE EMPTY GUMPOT.

The Kowloon peaks peer over pale blue mist That hides their feet as Ruth's were hid in corn.

The skyline faintly glows like maiden kissed And from the east comes promise of the morn.

The harbour all unruddied bears a fleet Of slowly drifting junks in silhouette.

The taipan officerwards rides down the street; Now ring we for the office boy, lest he forget.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

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PARADES.

Sunday, 9th March—8.00 a.m. Parade at Statue Pier and proceed by launch to Kowloon City Ranges to fire Part II. Table 'C' M. Gun Course.

Dress, Drill order without rifles. Helmets to be worn.

G. B. STEWART, Captain, Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps, Hongkong, February 4, 1919.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### LABOUR CONFERENCE.

#### VAIN PROTEST AGAINST STRIKES.

LONDON, February 28th. The great Labour Conference convened by the Government, with the object of evolving measures which might render strikes impossible or prevent them until the matters in dispute have been submitted to an impartial tribunal, met at the Central Hall, Westminster. Eight hundred delegates were present, representing ten million employers and employees.

Sir R. S. Horne, Minister of Labour, presided. He was supported by Mr. Lloyd George, who received an ovation on entering. Sir Albert Stanley, Mr. G. H. Roberts, and Doctor McNamara, Sir R. S. Horne, in his opening speech, said that the Government did not favour the establishment of national factories. Such a step would tend to hamper private enterprise.

The Government had decided to reduce the unemployment allowance after the expiration of thirteen weeks. Men would receive 20s. and women 15s. weekly for a further thirteen weeks. The allowance would continue to be 6s. for the first and 5s. for each subsequent child.

Referring to the unrest, Sir R. S. Horne said that, whatever view was held regarding the merits of the disputes, it was plain that their continuance was a menace to the life of the country.

Dealing with the suggested remedies for unemployment, the Minister for Labour pointed out that the Government was taking measures to expedite orders for various departments in order to increase the work available.

The housing schemes were being similarly hastened.

The tendency to-day was to give Labour a larger share in the control of industry.

A Committee, composed of representatives of employers and employees, was considering a Bill for the restoration of Trade Union laws, which had been surrendered for the duration of the war.

He announced that the Premier would participate in the conferences and discussions.

### THE MINERS.

LONDON, February 28th.

In the House of Commons, the Labour Amendment to the Coal Commission Bill, excluding the consideration of wages and hours, was defeated by 270 votes to 40.

LONDON, February 28th. The Lords passed the Coal Commission Bill.

LONDON, February 28th. A miners' Conference was held in London, yesterday, in private. It is stated that Mr. Smillie announced that the Executive recommended the postponement of the strike to March 22nd, and suggested a full discussion of the Government's proposals.

He asked that the Conference should adjourn to permit the Delegates of the various districts to meet separately and consider the position. The Conference adopted the suggestion.

There was, afterwards, a protracted general discussion on the recommendation to postpone the strike. Much opposition was made to this, especially by the younger men.

The Conference adjourned in the evening, and resumed this afternoon to hear the decision of the District Delegates.

The South Wales Delegates met yesterday evening, and decided to support the Executive's recommendation.

### U.S. ARMY AND NAVY.

WASHINGTON, February 28th. The Military Committee of the Senate re-inserted, in the Army Bill, provision for raising the army to half-a-million men, at the urgent request of the War Secretary, Mr. Baker, and General March.

In the Senate, the Naval Committee favourably reported upon the \$720,000,000 Naval Appropriation Bill. It recommended an increase of the permanent strength from 225,000 to 250,000, on the ground, mainly, that the increase is required to expedite the return of the American troops.

At the Naval Conference to-day, President Wilson re-emphasized the necessity for making provision for the new three-year programme this session.

### WHAT TO DO WITH THE GERMAN NAVY.

LONDON, February 28th.

In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Islington's question regarding the disposal of the German Fleet, Lord Lytton stated that the question was of the utmost interest, and was one of considerable difficulty, and must be decided by the Paris Conference.

The proposal to sink these ships would be carried out only if the representatives of the Nations assembled in Paris unanimously concluded that that was the best course.

The British attached the utmost importance to the view that the ships should not continue to form part of any naval armament.

The Government was strongly of the opinion that the German ships must not again be used as ships of war. Consequently, there remained only three alternatives:—Firstly, that they should be sunk; secondly, that they should be broken up; thirdly, that they should be sold by public auction, under certain conditions.

It was simply and solely an economic proposition whether it would pay to break them up, and use them for other purposes.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### PRINCESS PATRICIA'S WEDDING.

LONDON, February 28th.

The wedding ceremonial of Princess Victoria Patricia of Connaught and the Hon. Alexander Robert Maule Ramsay, D.S.O., R.N., takes place at noon tomorrow. The official programme has been published. It will be a very brilliant spectacle and will be attended by all the Royalties, Diplomats and Ministers. Court mourning has been waived for the occasion. The bride, with her father, will drive in an open carriage to Westminster Abbey, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will perform the marriage service.

Princess Patricia's own regiment, the Canadian Light Infantry, carrying its battle-worn colours, is furnishing a Guard of Honour. A detachment of sailors also will be lining the nave. The magnificent presents include beautiful overseas gifts, especially those from Canada, where the Princess was very popular during her father's governorship.

The Maharajah of Scindia presented a motor-car, General Botha, an ostrich-feather fan, and Lord Chelmsford a silver and gold thread panel.

The *Gazette* notifies that Princess Patricia, upon her marriage, relinquishes the title of Princess, becoming Lady Patricia Ramsay.

[Princess Patricia was born on March 17th, 1886, her elder sister, who is four years her senior, being now the Crown Princess of Sweden. For many years Princess Patricia was the inseparable companion of her parents, accompanying them in all their travels, whether in Ireland, where her father was Commander of the Forces for the three years following 1901, in the Mediterranean from 1902 to 1907, and elsewhere. The Duke of Connaught was appointed Governor-General of Canada in 1911, and the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia were of inestimable assistance to him in the performance of his multifarious duties there. Since her return to England, Princess Patricia has been an indefatigable worker on behalf of our sailors and soldiers.]

The Hon. Alexander Robert Maule Ramsay, D.S.O., R.N., son of the late Earl of Dalhousie and brother of the present peer of that title, belongs to an old and famous Scottish family, which has been ennobled since the beginning of the seventeenth century, and several of whose members have played distinguished parts in the building up of our Empire. In Portfarrish, where the Earls of Dalhousie have two seats, Brechin Castle and Panmure House, Camoustie, the family is very popular, and few public celebrations take place in the neighbourhood without the participation of one or more of its members. The Hon. Alexander Ramsay was born in 1881, joined the Royal Navy, and was flag-commander of the *Admiral de Robeck* in the *Pardanneles* expedition, his services being rewarded by the D.S.O., as well as by mention in despatches. He is now on the Staff of the Admiralty. Previously he was an A.D.C. to the Duke of Connaught in Canada.]

### RETURN OF THE GRENADIERS.

LONDON, February 28th.

The Grenadiers, received welcome on their return to London from Germany yesterday. Though no ceremony was arranged, as the hour of arrival was uncertain, St. Pancras' station was crowded within and without. The bands of the Guards' brigade awaited their arrival and played 'See the conquering hero's come,' as the men detrained. General Feilding, commanding the London District, welcomed the men on behalf of the King. The battalion marched off with bands playing and colours flying, accompanied by thousands, including wives, sisters and sweethearts, and were vociferously cheered along the whole route to Chelsea.

It was the happiest and most exultant procession that London has seen for years. Queen Alexandra, outside Marlborough House, the Duke of Connaught and the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, outside Clarence House, and the King and Queen, with their sons and daughter, at an open window of Buckingham Palace, greeted the warriors. The Battalion did not include more than a dozen of those who went to France in 1914.

### FRENCH NAVY.

PARIS, February 28th. The Minister of Marine, in a statement to the Navy Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, said that so far, it had been impossible to make good the French naval losses. The only just and practical way of reconstituting the French navy was to recover part of the lost tonnage from the enemy.

### ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

OTTAWA, February 27th. The Canadian explorer, Stefansson, says that Storkerson's arrival on the Alaskan coast ends the work of the Arctic Expedition. Stefansson intended to command the party but was taken ill with typhoid fever.

Storkerson left Crosslands, on the north coast of Alaska on March 15th, last year, with a party consisting of nine Whites and four Eskimoes. The party travelled for a fortnight towards the north. Four men were then sent back and the party drifted with the ice-pack. As they carried no provisions, they had to subsist on the meat of seals and polar bears.

They expected to be carried westward, but drifted round and reached latitude 74 degrees North—150 miles farther North than anyone has yet gone in this part of the Arctic zone.

The party established that the so-called Keekien's Land is non-existent. (Continued on Page 4.)

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Hongkong, February 20, 1919.**NOTICES.****TO THE JUSTICES OF THE  
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vacancy on the Legislative Council  
to represent you during the time that  
The Hon. Mr. Pollock, K.C., holds  
the position of Acting Attorney-  
General.My nomination has been proposed  
by Mr. A. O. Lang, and seconded by  
Mr. G. C. Moyon.It is only six months ago that I ad-  
dressed you with regard to my candi-  
dature, for the same seat and I can  
only repeat that if I have the honour  
to be elected I shall direct my  
energies to the solution of the Hous-  
ing Problem, the further develop-  
ment of the Colony by means of new  
roads, opening up new areas easily  
accessible for all kinds of traffic and  
the resumption of old and insanitary  
houses in the densely populated parts  
of the City—on all of which matters  
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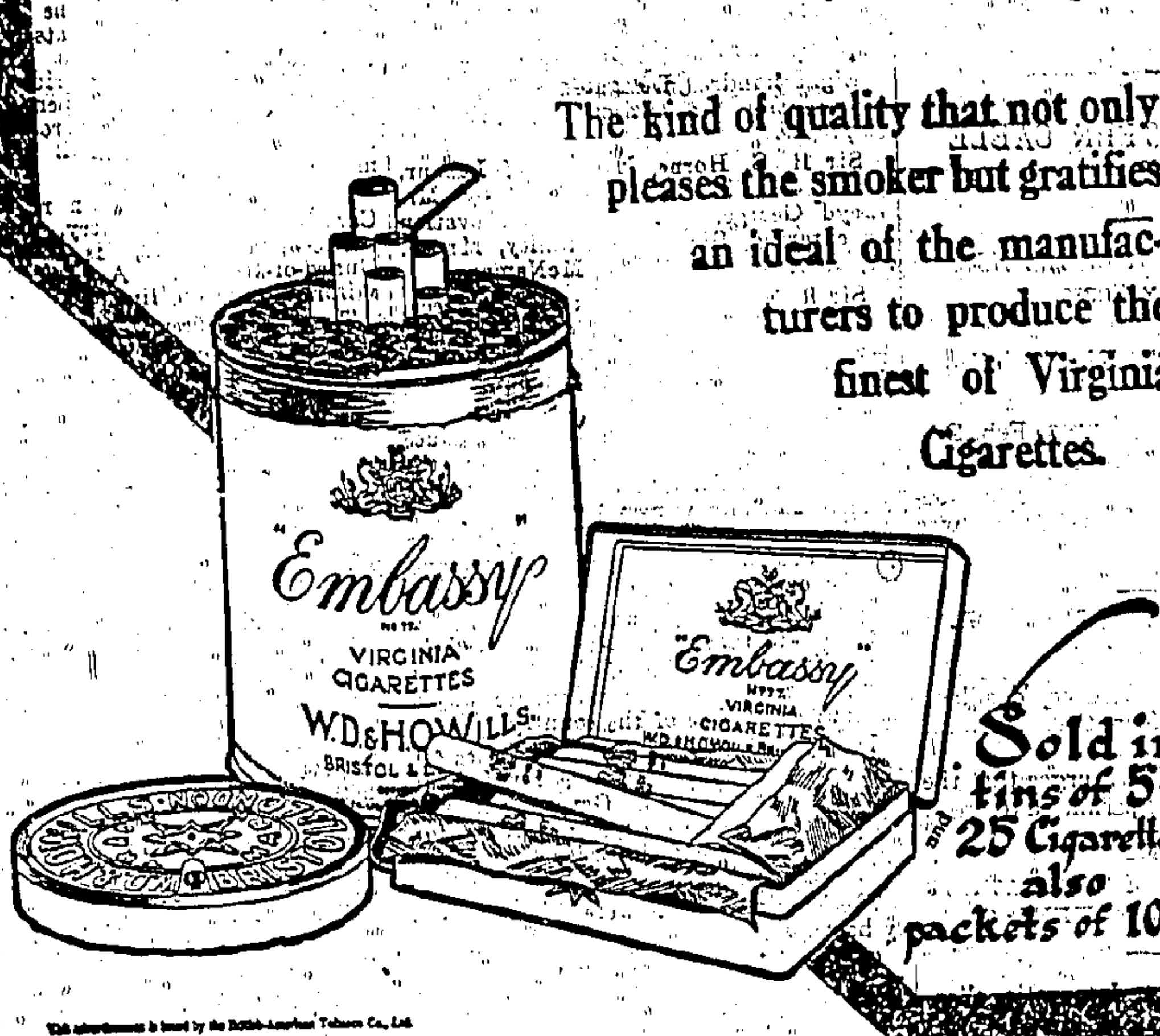
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war, a service was conducted at All  
Saints' Church, Ennismore-gardens,  
by Canon Anthony Deane, chairman  
of the Incorporated Society of  
Authors, Playwrights, and Com-  
posers.**MR. CLYNES.**In his newly-published *Life* Mr. J.  
R. Clynes relates the story of his  
romantic rise from a ten-year-old  
drudge in an Oldham cotton mill to  
the rank of King's Minister.He tells of the joy derived in  
studying a tattered old dictionary  
which he had bought for 6d. after  
carefully scrapping that amount to-  
gether. Of the delight in surrepti-  
tiously devouring an Emerson ex-  
posed for sale on an open secondhand  
stall. Of the irresistible thrill which  
came on his personal, in a similar  
way, of Ruskin's "Seven Lamps,"  
"the dearest book in all English  
literature to me." And, perhaps  
best of all, how he was able to earn  
money for other books by reading  
aloud to three old blind men.**PASSING OF D.O.R.A.**One after another restrictions under  
D.O.R.A. are being removed. A  
London paper says:The Ministry of National Service  
announces that, from December 21,  
the requirement of license for build-  
ing schemes is cancelled.An Order of the Director-General  
of National Service, dated February  
2, 1918, prohibited the beginning or  
proceeding with building or construc-  
tion work without a license excepting  
where—1. The total cost of the com-  
pleted work in contemplation did  
not exceed £500.2. Where it was in the nature  
of a Government contract; or3. In cases where it was carried  
out by local authorities authorised  
since March 25, 1915, by any  
Government department to borrow  
money in respect of such work.After January 10 next, says a  
Board of Trade announcement, the  
Motor Spirit Restriction Orders, the  
operation of which was suspended  
until that date, will be revoked en-  
tirely. Licenses to obtain motor  
spirit are issued under the *Finance*  
Act, 1916, and the license system  
will therefore remain in force. The  
Petrol Control Department, however,  
is prepared to issue licenses to new  
applicants and to increase quantities  
allocated to existing license holders.The control of distribution of  
cement by the War Office by means  
of priority certificates has been  
brought to an end, and manufacturers  
and merchants are now at liberty  
to execute orders without any form  
of certificate, provided that priority  
is accorded to Government orders.**NEW LABOUR GROUP.**The eleven M.P.s who were sup-  
ported by the British Workers'  
League will (says the Press Asso-  
ciation) form a "definitely organised  
and separate group in the new Par-  
liament under the name of the  
National Democratic party. The  
group, while giving general support  
to Mr. Lloyd George's programme of  
peace and reconstruction, will, they  
declare, contest working class repre-  
sentation with the Labour party led  
by Mr. Adamson.The members forming this group  
consist of:Mr. Hallas (Duddesdon Div. of  
Birmingham).  
Captain Lossby (East Bradford).  
Mr. Clement Edwards (East  
Ham, S.).  
Mr. J. F. Green (West Leices-  
ter).  
Mr. J. A. Seddon (Hanley).  
Mr. M. T. Simm (Walsley).  
Mr. C. B. Stanton (Aberdare).  
Mr. J. Taylor (Dumbarton).  
Mr. J. Walton (Don Valley).  
Mr. Havelock Wilson (South  
Shields).  
Mr. T. W. Casey (Athercliffe).  
Some of these are incorrectly de-  
scribed in many of the published  
lists as "Coalition Liberals."**MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S  
LETTER TO LEICESTER  
FRIENDS.**Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has ad-  
dressed a long letter to his Leicester  
friends on his contest for West Lei-  
cester. Its publication in the local  
*Labour Pioneer* has caused a sensa-  
tion. The letter extends to over  
2,000 words, and its strange wording  
is taken as confirming the general  
view in the constituency that Mr.  
Macdonald has sustained a very  
severe defeat in a division largely  
composed of industrial workers. He  
says—The great fight is over. The com-  
bination of hope, credulity, and re-  
surrection, which was expected, was  
viciously effected, and the desirable  
villas of the west united with the  
undesirable tenements of the centre  
to defeat Labour. The abandon-  
ment of principle was whole-hearted,  
and everything was forgotten in the  
one object of bringing about my  
defeat.I had said things which disturbed  
the complacency of those people  
whose conception of foreign politics  
is of the same order as a child's  
conception of English history. I  
wrote sentences which were a stum-  
bling block to them. They wanted  
to believe in fairness, and whoever  
said that fairness did not exist was an  
enemy of society. Such people al-  
ways fight foul because they are  
afraid to fight fair. I must go away,  
and it will be some weeks before I  
can meet you face to face again.**GRATEFUL BRITONS ABROAD.**From the British colony in Oporto  
£1,501 has been received for the  
King's fund for disabled officers and  
men.**BLACKBIRD AS ARMY BUGLER.**At the Comrades of the Great War  
Club, Unbridge, is a black bird which  
whistles a number of Army calls,  
including "Come to the cookhouse  
door."**LIEUTENANT SENT TO PRISON.**For attempts to obtain by false  
pretences a gold cigarette case worth  
£120, the property of Messrs. Map-  
pin and Webb, Victor Stewart, a  
lieutenant in the Gordon Highland-  
ers, was sentenced at Marlborough  
street to nine months' imprisonment  
in the second division.**IMPERIAL EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE.**An Imperial Education Committee  
which has been formed at the re-  
quest of the Dominion Forces, under  
the chairmanship of Colonel Lord  
Gorell, M.C., will co-operate in fur-  
thering the various schemes of the  
Dominion troops in relation to British  
universities and other bodies.**SUICIDE AT 53.**After dressing in her best clothes,  
Mrs. Camilla Milano, aged 83, a  
widow, of Clerkenwell, threw herself  
from the top of a wall, sustaining a  
fractured skull, from which she died.  
"Suicide while of unsound mind"  
was the inquest verdict.**BETTER BEER DEMANDED.**As the permitted average gravity  
for beer in Ireland has been reduced  
by only 32 per cent., compared with  
41 per cent. in the United Kingdom,  
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Food Controller, in any coming re-  
laxation of restrictions, to remove  
the disparity, and thus let them  
supply better beer.**4100 FINE FOR ILLICIT  
SLAUGHTERING.**Illicit slaughtering has been very  
common, and the Food Controller is  
most anxious to put a stop to it, said  
a solicitor at Ongar. Police-court.  
John Cowee, dealer, and Walter Wil-  
son, butcher, were each fined £100  
for slaughtering and selling cattle  
without conforming to the Govern-  
ment market regulations.**G. FALCONER & CO., LTD.****WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS.****Hotel Mansions.**Agents for:—ADMIRALTY CHARTS,  
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**THURSDAY,**  
March 6, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A quantity of Electro-plated Ware and Lino Goods.

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Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

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**THURSDAY,**  
March 6, 1919, at 11 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Several lengths Blue Serge (good quality) to be sold without reserve.

And  
A quantity of useful household furniture, &c., &c. removed to sale rooms for convenience of sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1919.

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Hongkong, March 3, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned), on

**SATURDAY,**  
March 8, 1919, at 12 o'clock Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

Nine Fox Terrier Puppies  
(from three distinct litters).

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Feb. 27, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

**SATURDAY,**  
March 8, 1919, at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, February 29, 1919.

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**TUESDAY,**  
March 11, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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A quantity of netting (new) Suitable for tennis court boundary netting.

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Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on March 5, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognized after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on March 6, 1919, at 10 a.m.

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**TEA-ROOM KISSES**

**DETECTIVE'S STORY OF HIS ADVENTURES**

Summonses for permitting disorderly conduct in the Royal Exchange Tea Rooms, situated in the basement of the Royal Exchange, on nine dates, in October and November, were heard against the proprietress, Mrs. Millicent Gibson, of Downe-terrace, Richmond, at the Mansion House Court. She pleaded not guilty.

Mr. T. J. Vicary, prosecuting, said that there were three rooms, furnished with tables and settees. The conduct that took place was indecent, immoral, and unbecoming as well as generally disorderly. Not only did she permit it but also she took part in it. She was assisted by three waitresses known as Hilda, Alice, and Betty, and she was known as Milly.

The tea rooms had become notorious, Mr. Vicary said. The conduct complained of was the usual kissing and cuddling between waitresses and customers. A good deal of treating went on. The average expenses of police officers sent to see what took place were 3s. 6d. on each of the nine days—rather expensive for a mere cup of tea.

Detective Johnson described his visit on October 30. Alice, he said, was sitting on a settee with an officer. Soon afterwards Mrs. Gibson entered the room. The officer then placed his arm round Alice's waist and she put her arm round his neck. When Mrs. Gibson said, "I am waiting for some one to buy me a cup of tea," Mabel, another waitress said to him (the detective), "You treat Milly and this boy (the officer) will treat me."

Two customers, one called Len and the other nicknamed "Tea and Bun," then entered, Johnson said. Mabel went up to Len, put her arms round his neck, and said, "I love old Len." She then returned to the officer, cuddled him, and said, "I think I love the captain best, though."

Mrs. Gibson caught hold of Johnson's hand and said, "Come down to-morrow and keep me company in my lonely hours." He was charged 1s. 6d. for tea and cake.

Describing further visits, Johnson said that he saw a great deal of kissing and cuddling between customers and Mrs. Gibson and the waitresses. Some of the conduct was indecent. When he left on one occasion he asked Mrs. Gibson how much his bill was. Mrs. Gibson said, "He looked at me, 2s." Mrs. Gibson said, "Oh, that will make it 2s. 6d. If you had looked at me it would not have been any more."

On a third visit Johnson said he saw various amorous scenes. Hilda cuddled a sailor and they both rolled about on a settee. The conduct of Alice, Hilda, the sailor, and a man known as Bert became very riotous.

All four cuddled each other generally. Alice was laid across the knees of the two men and Bert held her legs. Mrs. Gibson sat on the settee laughing and made no attempt to stop the conduct.

On his fourth visit, said Johnson, Hilda greeted him with the remark: "Hallo, darling. Come here. I'm going to have tea with you." Mrs. Gibson said, "I will, too sweetheart." Hilda kissed and cuddled him and said, "Come closer, I feel a perfect devil to-day." He treated Mrs. Gibson and the three waitresses and was charged 5s. A customer named George came in and Mrs. Gibson said to him, "Kiss me; I haven't had a peace kiss yet."

On his fifth visit one of the waitresses sat for an hour, fondling him. This time his bill came to 4s. 6d. On three further visits he saw similar scenes. His total expenses for the nine visits were £1 11s. 9d. for refreshments.

On November 28 and 29, Johnson said, he played "ponton" (a card game) with Mrs. Gibson, the waitresses, an officer known as "Canada," and a customer called Monty and won 1s. 6d. Alice meanwhile sat on the officer's knee. They also had another card game called "Slippery Sam" and Johnson lost 25s.

On the application of Mr. Huntly Jenkins, for the defence, the case was adjourned until January 15.

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**CLEMENT-SMITH.**—At Clifton,  
England, on Dec. 12, the wife  
of Major H. Clement-Smith,  
R.A.M.C., of a daughter.  
**LEGENDRE.**—On February 24, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. P.  
Legendre, a daughter.  
**MAUGHAN.**—On February 24, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J.  
R. Maughan, twins, son and  
daughter.

## DEATHS.

**BLUNT.**—Died of pneumonia whilst  
serving with his regiment in  
Belgium. H. E. Blunt, M.C.,  
Captain, Yeomanry Battalion,  
Royal Sussex Regiment, of  
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking  
Corporation, Eastern Staff.  
**JOVINO.**—On February 22, at  
Shanghai, Giovanni Jovino, the  
beloved wife of the late F. P.  
Jovino.  
**BUTTERLE.**—On February 24, at  
Shanghai, Abigail A. Butterle,  
dearly beloved wife of Frederick  
William Butterle, aged 55 years.  
**REMBEDIOS.**—On February 25, at  
Shanghai, Renaldo Bonifacio  
Remedios, aged 31 years.

## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, March 4, 1919.

## "LOSEY"

His teeth projected like those of  
a horse, and were almost as large.  
His eyes wrinkled in what must have  
been meant for an inviting smile,  
though it was more likely to recall  
the Dore illustrations of Bunyan.  
"Losey?" he said, and that was all.  
It was in Flower Street, and on the  
table in front of him were roses,  
roses, fresh and fair. If his query  
meant did we desire roses, the answer  
might well have been other than the  
negative head-shake he got. For  
who does not desire roses? There  
may be, maybe Mr. Shakespeare,  
more than a mild hope for the man

whose soul lacks music; but for the  
man who is not attracted by flowers  
for the Englishman that loves not  
roses, what can there be but present  
and eternal damnation? To take a  
liberty with the tuncful Omar:

We often wonder what the florists  
bly  
"One half so precious as the things  
they sell."

If, however, "losey" meant did  
we want to buy roses, the dumb  
refusal was the right answer. Roses  
should be culled, not bought. They  
should be received as a gift and a  
symbol, from friends and lovers, but  
never, never purchased in the way  
of trade. To see roses bunched in  
the market is like seeing women in  
the world's oldest bazaar. It is a  
sordid prostitution. Blooms from  
the garden of God were never meant  
for traffic, but man, the brute, like  
this grinning Chinaman who sees  
only in his "losey" a medium of  
vulgar profit, has lost the reverence  
that beauty should command. Buying  
and selling, he lays waste his  
powers, and

A primrose by a river's brim,  
A yellow primrose is to him,  
And it is nothing more.  
Heaven forbid that we should urge  
him to the laudable extreme of  
Oscar Wilde, who "sat up all night  
with a sick primrose." Yet, surely,  
in a life that might well be "roses,  
all the way," it is a thing  
regrettable to see Mr. Muckraker,  
with eyes averted from the bourgeoisie  
of beauty and the efforescence  
of joy that beckons to everyone.  
The botanist tells us that the flower  
is an association of organs which are  
concerned with the production of  
fruit or seed. Its colour is a mere  
device to tempt the insect which  
acts as the fertilizing go-between.  
He may even add that the more  
shapely the rose, the more is it  
discarded, and less likely to fulfil its  
true function. Thus may science  
destroy a soul, and one small truth  
be a greater. Perhaps never  
before the rose so red, as where that  
blush some soul is dead. It blushes  
at the soul-blindness that probes for  
the inactive of magic, that speculates  
on the "What Perhaps Was" while  
overlooking the glory that is. Why  
complain of the tortoise that it is  
not something else, as Walt Whit-  
man wonders, by any other name  
or description, your rose is still a  
miracle of charm. The end of all  
desire is disappointment. Ambition  
is a spur that leaves a sore, and  
greed breeds soul dyspepsia. Hope  
is a liar, and reminiscence the last  
refuge of a dotard. But a thing of  
beauty, like a rose, is a joy for the  
living present. "Losey?" How  
tempting, on the way to the  
"demonstration grindstone," to be thus  
reminded of gardens in which we  
might be walking, were we but  
wise.

## PRINCESS PAT.

We are not given to gushing over  
Royalties, nor are we feeling senti-  
mental over the love match of Prin-  
cess Patricia Connaught, now  
Lady Patricia Ramsey. She was  
a woman, therefore, to be won.  
The handsome pair have the average  
chance of happiness of all other  
pairs. The peculiar relationship of  
the bride to the Colonies, however,  
as marked by the wedding gifts from  
overseas, deserves a note. Hong-  
kong cannot have forgotten this  
popular young lady, who roamed  
about the shores of Hongkong some  
dozen years ago; practically un-  
attended, and gave everybody the  
impression of a happy disposition and  
a conspicuous air of ease. Her  
popularity in Canada is very great,  
and the recent named after her  
will not be likely to love her less  
for marrying a soldier. There is a  
something, a je-ne-sais-quoi, that  
irradiates in the British telegram an-  
nouncing her demotion from Prin-  
cess to Lady. Is it a demotion, or  
a promotion? We are inclined to  
regard it as a promotion, for prin-  
cesses are cheap to-day, but char-  
mances are not, and happy brides are  
always to be envied. Anyhow, in  
company with a great multitude,  
and as sincerely as any of them, we  
tender to Lady Patricia Ramsey,  
princess, no more, the best of good  
wishes.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is unchanged at  
3s. 13.16d.

The Canton Times learns that  
Japanese having stopped buying  
Sagon rice, the price has dropped a  
dollar.

To-day's return of communicable  
disease reads: one (fatal) case of  
bubonic plague, one (fatal) case of  
scarlet fever (English), and three of  
cerebro-spinal fever.

Intending passengers by the  
"Empress of Japan" for Vancouver  
should note that she sails on March  
19, and is due at Vancouver on  
April 9.

We have received a mysterious  
letter signed "Rufus Wallingford,"  
a name that seems familiar. If our  
correspondent will call, as suggested,  
we will be glad to consider his  
scheme.

The S.S. "Nan-yu" running be-  
tween Kowloon and Hohow, when  
on her trip to Samshui the other  
day, was suddenly attacked by more  
than ten pirates who were disguised  
as passengers.

Hongkong Tramway Company's  
traffic receipts for the week were  
\$15,993, or \$5,075 less than in the  
same week of last year. The aggre-  
gate for the nine weeks was  
\$130,486, or \$2,079 more than for  
the corresponding period of last  
year.

A fine of \$1,500, with the option  
of four months' jail was inflicted on  
a Chinese who brought 164 tins of  
illicit opium into the Colony from  
Annam. The man was arrested in  
Connaught Road, Central and he had  
a case which on being broken open,  
was found to have a false bottom in  
which the drug was secreted.

To-night's game in the Billiard  
Championship at the V.R.C. is be-  
tween Mr. F. W. Black and Mr. K.  
Higginbotham, postponed from last week.  
The winner will play K. K. Leung  
on Thursday. To-morrow night's  
game is expected to be exciting. The  
contestants are P. A. Yvaporovich and  
Capt. E. B. Green.

A military overcoat was stolen  
from an Indian soldier in the White  
field Barracks on February 24 last.  
Inquiries made at an Indian Tailor's  
shop where the overcoat was subse-  
quently found implicated an Indian  
water-carrier employed at the bar-  
racks. This morning the man was  
brought before Mr. Wood and dis-  
charged for lack of evidence.

No report has yet been made to  
the Police, we are told, about the  
alleged attack by Chinese upon  
Europeans on Bowen road. This in  
spite of the fact that other news-  
papers say the police have a club  
that was used as a weapon. The  
story is that Mr. and Mrs. Neeson,  
and Miss Square were attacked by  
two Chinese, one of whom threw  
pepper, and the other hit at Mr.  
Neeson with a club.

The number of participants in  
the production of "Pinky" and the  
fairies, being so great—over 100  
people being connected with it, it has  
been decided to keep the final dress  
rehearsal on Wednesday the 19th.  
inst., strictly private and to allow ad-  
mittance to only a limited number of  
parents who feel obliged to  
accompany their little ones. In order  
to obviate any disappointment  
arising from this decision, it has  
been arranged that each member  
may book two stalls at Moutrie's at  
half price, for either of the two per-  
formances on the 24th and 25th.  
inst. Performers and participants  
who desire to avail themselves of  
this opportunity are requested to do  
so as early as possible.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## LOOT AT SHANGHAI.

## POLICEMAN'S UNUSUAL FIND.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SHANGHAI, March 3.

A Russian was discovered this  
morning digging in the Chinese Pub-  
lic Garden. An Indian constable,  
made suspicious by this unusual job,  
watched him till his task was well  
advanced. Then rushing forward,  
he recovered pearls worth \$100,000,  
which had been stolen from the  
Mikimoto shop some weeks ago.

## MAILS ON FIRE.

Some time ago, it may be remem-  
bered, the China Mail printed a short  
message relating to mails that were  
damaged in a train fire in America.  
Of this we have to-day received in-  
teresting evidence. A number of  
mail packets from London, dated  
circum Dec. 18, have turned up,  
belated, stained, and looking as if  
they had been through both fire and  
water. They have the Central  
Post Office at Tokyo learns from  
Seattle that this particular lot of  
mail was damaged by fire and water  
in the Great Northern train near  
Monroe, Washington, on Jan. 7.

Incidentally, it may be remarked  
that since receiving London papers  
up to Jan. 4, which apparently came  
by Suex, we have had two lots of  
much earlier dates, sent round by  
America. We hope the direct route  
will now be favoured by the P.O.

LUGARD HALL ANNUAL  
DINNER.

[Contributed.]

The second annual dinner of the  
residents in Lugard Hall was held  
on Saturday, when about sixty stu-  
dents and guests sat down to table  
in the Hall. The Warden, Professor  
W. J. Hinton, was the chairman.  
The guests included the Hon. Mr.  
Lau Chu Pak, the Deans, the War-  
ders and representative students of  
other Halls, and Messrs. Li Tsok  
Lun, Lee Ju Cheung, Lu Tak Chung,  
graduates from Lugard Hall.

The dining room and approaches  
were prettily illuminated with Chi-  
nese lanterns, and decorated with  
flags in honour of the occasion.

After the usual toasts of the King,  
The President of the Chinese Re-  
public, and the University, the  
chairman read a message from the  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, regretting his  
inability to be present and wishing  
the Hall every prosperity. The  
toast of "The Hall" was then  
proposed by the Warden and drunk  
with great enthusiasm.

The representative student, Mr.  
Cheam Kim Cheng, proposed the  
health of the guests in a felicitous  
speech to which the Hon. Mr. Lau  
Chu Pak replied on behalf of the  
guests. In his speech the latter  
pointed out the disastrous results  
which often followed the practice of  
sending very young Chinese to be  
educated abroad. He gave some amu-  
sing yet pathetic instances of Western  
trained Chinese who had returned  
to China strangers to their own  
parents, and incapable of speaking  
the language or understanding the  
customs and habits of thought of their  
own countrymen. On the other hand  
there was the old official class;  
rather suspicious of Western learning  
and institutions, but experienced in  
the conduct of Chinese affairs, and  
quite unable to work in harmony  
with the returned students. He said  
that the University of Hongkong was  
established to bridge the gap between  
these two classes. Its students could  
learn the lessons of European science  
and at the same time remain in contact  
with their families and with China.  
The only hope of China was the  
creation of a group of educated men  
between the extreme progressives  
and the extreme conservatives. He  
was confident that the young men  
trained in this Hall, and in the  
University generally, would form  
that group, scattered through China,  
uniting Chinese of all shades of  
opinion, and carrying their country  
forward to the high place among the  
nations for which she was destined.

Professor Middleton Smith pro-  
posed the health of the Warden who  
in replying thanked the students for  
their cooperation which had made  
his term of office a pleasant one, and  
expressed his indebtedness to the  
various representative students,  
especially to the one who now held  
that office for the second year in  
succession. He assured them that  
though he would no longer be  
Warden when he returned from leave,  
he would always remain in spirit, a  
member of the Hall.

The committee of residents who  
arranged the evening's entertain-  
ment deserve the utmost credit for  
the success of the decorations and  
the dinner itself.

HONGKONG WAR  
CHARITIES.

## TO BE WOUND UP.

The meeting which was held by  
the War Charities Committee of the  
Hongkong War Charities at the  
Chamber of Commerce room at the  
City Hall yesterday evening, to con-  
sider the advisability of winding up  
the organization, was attended by a  
good number of members and other  
supporters. H.E. the Officer Ad-  
ministering the Government, the  
Hon. Mr. Claud Severn was in the  
chair and amongst others present  
were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,  
D.B.E. (Hon. Secretary), Mr. H. C.  
Sandford (Hon. Treasurer), Hon. Mr.  
D. Landale, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp,  
K.C., O.B.E., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holy-  
cock, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook Hon., Mr.  
Lau Chu Pak, Mr. A. H. Shelton  
and Mr. T. F. Hough.

His Excellency said: Gentlemen,  
this meeting has been called to-day  
to carry into effect what we describe  
as the winding up of the present  
organization of War Charities in  
Hongkong. This meeting is special  
and similar to that held the other  
day at Government House which was  
called for the purpose of reviewing  
the Needlework Guild and to trace  
for it from a war footing to a peace  
footing. As you will remember, the  
War Charities Committee came into  
being at the end of the year 1915  
when the Prince of Wales Fund  
terminated. The total amount re-  
ceived from the public of Hongkong  
towards the Prince of Wales fund  
from the outbreak of the war to  
December 31, 1915, was £1,447.4.3  
to which was added the sum of  
£10,000 by the Government of Hong-  
kong, making a total of £11,447.4.3,  
the dollar equivalent of which was  
\$447,647.86. The war charities  
central organisation was thought to  
be the most practicable way of util-  
ising the contributions from residents  
in Hongkong and applying them to  
the best possible use in connection  
with the war. "Always thought that  
the name 'War Charities' was not  
perhaps very well chosen because to  
my mind far from being a work of  
charity the money we were able to  
give was a very small portion; and  
very insignificant in the great debt of  
gratitude we owe to those who were  
to benefit from our contributions."  
(Applause.) However, the name was  
a short one and it was quite unne-  
cessary to disturb it if we had the  
thought in our minds all through this  
there was no charity on our part; it  
was a duty. The total amount that  
has been subscribed since January 1,  
1916, is \$1,430,946.82. That sum  
has yielded a total amount of  
\$167,116.22. That is, exclusive of  
the expenditure in dollars for the  
working parties and various local  
disbursements. It would have been  
impossible, for the local  
committee to employ these large  
sums of money usefully if it did not  
have the able assistance at the other  
end of Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Murray  
Stewart. You will be aware of the  
long correspondence which took place  
in connection with the endeavour to  
find some central object to which the  
bulk of our funds should be allocated.  
At first an attempt was made to fol-  
low the lead of the Federated Malay  
States, in founding a hospital bearing  
the name of Hongkong, but, for  
various reasons, that was found to be  
impossible and in place of that, the  
only definite hospital to which our  
funds have been placed, in the name  
of Hongkong, is that of the Royal  
Flying Corps Hospital, in Bryan-  
ston Square. I think you will  
agree, however, from the list before  
you, that our funds have been very  
widely disbursed over a number of  
most useful objects in connection  
with the war. To our great regret,  
Dr. Atkinson died in the middle of  
the most important part of his work  
and Mr. Murray Stewart has since  
been carried on single handed. He has  
had to make allocations and gifts in  
kind to a very large number of chari-  
ties, from our funds, in connection  
with the war, and has conducted a  
very great deal of correspondence  
with the people connected with  
those funds, and I think the  
Committee will agree that it has  
been exceedingly fortunate to have  
the services of Mr. Murray Stewart  
in this important work and we owe  
him a great debt of gratitude. (Ap-  
plause.) The total number of chari-  
ties to which our funds have been  
given is 83 and the work parties in  
Hongkong have done some splendid  
work throughout the war, which  
they had not had large allocations  
made from the Hongkong funds. We  
now consider that the time has come  
for this organization to be brought  
to a close and that the amount re-  
maining in the hands of the Local  
Committee should be gradually used  
up as may be found most convenient  
during the months to come. I cannot  
speak too highly of the work done  
by the Hon. Mr. Hallifax, the Hon.  
Secretary, and Mr. Sandford, the  
Hon. Treasurer. (Applause.) Mr.  
Hallifax has not had at all an easy  
task, and anyone who has been  
closely connected with the work will  
appreciate the very tactful manner  
in which he has overcome difficulties,  
to see that there has been no waste  
of the funds of which he has had the  
administration. Mr. Sandford has  
not only done the work of honorary  
Treasurer of the Central Organisa-

tion, but he has been Treasurer of  
various schemes such as Our Day  
and St. George's Day and other occa-  
sions when funds have been raised  
in connection with the war. I have  
never known anyone who brought  
greater knowledge or who was more  
affable in difficulties than Mr. Sand-  
ford. Before I sit down I ask you  
to accord a very hearty vote of  
thanks to Mr. Hallifax and Mr.  
Sandford for the great assistance  
they have given in connection with  
the War Charities since its inception.  
(Loud applause.) Other members of  
the Executive Committee who are  
sitting at this table have had a very  
great deal to do with the funds. Mr.  
Lau Chu Pak and Mr. Ho Fook gave  
great assistance in raising funds  
among the Chinese residents in  
Hongkong and we are very grateful  
for all the work done by the Execu-  
tive Committee. (Applause.) I do  
not wish to detain you any longer  
because Mr. Landale is going to ad-  
dress you. I will move the follow-  
ing resolution:

It is hereby resolved to wind up  
the War Charities Organisation in  
the Colony, and the Executive Com-  
mittee are authorised to take all  
steps necessary to this end, includ-  
ing:

1. Allocation of the remaining  
funds available for allocation.
2. Arrangements for the custody  
and ultimate disposal of funds  
not immediately available for  
allocation and for such sums as  
may be subscribed hereafter.
3. Arrangements for the voting  
of the rights acquired by the  
War Charities Committee in  
one room in the Star and Gar-  
ter Hospital in some repre-  
sentative continuing body in the  
Colony.
4. Arrangements for the disposal  
of the records of the War Char-  
ities Committee.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale said:  
Before seconding the resolution  
which has been proposed by His  
Excellency I wish briefly to refer to  
the work of the Committee for the  
past year. In the early part of the  
year, thanks in no small degree to  
the energy and persuasive talents of  
Sir Paul Chater, large amounts were  
collected from the Banks, Public  
Companies and Firms in the Colony  
amounting to \$201,100. The St.  
George's Society contributed a sum  
of \$108,342.21 of which the War  
Bond Drawing was responsible  
for \$117,500. Street Collection  
\$23,031.63, Tombola \$25,802.60.  
Theatre performances \$12,758.15.  
Our Day brought in a sum of  
\$111,454.35 for the Red Cross, of  
which \$28,111.37 came from a Gym-  
khana organised by the Gymkhana  
Club with the assistance of many  
others. \$29,581.18 was collected by  
Lady May's Rose Fund, \$21,764.85  
from an entertainment in the Public  
Gardens, the chief features of which  
were the Portuguese Sall which re-  
turned \$10,874.82 of this amount  
the Chinese Jugglers and the Japa-  
nese Fireworks. The St. Andrew's  
Society raised a sum of \$80,713.34  
on St. Andrew's Day by means of  
Street Sales and a Fair on Murray  
Parade Ground. Their War Bond  
Drawing has also produced a further  
sum of about \$10,000 which has not  
been included in the figures now  
before you. A special effort was  
made to increase the monthly sub-  
scriptions during the year and met  
with a good response through the  
agency of various clubs. I think  
generally speaking a feature of the  
subscriptions to our War Charities  
has been the regular and continued  
support of subscribers of moderate  
means which in the aggregate has  
provided the Committee with a very  
considerable sum of money. It was  
one of the objects of the War Char-  
ities Committee to provide a channel  
for the small subscriber to do his bit  
without invidious comparison or un-  
due pressure and we feel that in this  
we have been successful.

The Chinese community have  
generously supported War Charities  
throughout the year and in addition  
they organised a most successful  
theatrical performance lasting over  
10 days which returned \$27,731.30.  
This amount is included in the re-  
sult of "Our Day" to which I have  
already referred, and much assist-  
ance has also been given by the  
Portuguese and Japanese communi-  
ties.

Our thanks are also due to Messrs.  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., for their  
valuable services in connection with  
the packing, shipping and delivery  
of the various articles made by the  
work parties, and also to Messrs.  
Butterfield & Swire, the Representa-  
tives of the Ocean Steamship Com-  
pany, the Superintendent of the P.  
& O. Co., and the Agent of the  
Canadian Pacific Ocean Services for  
freight facilities, and it is mainly due  
to such assistance that the working  
expenses of the War Charities Com-  
mittee since its commencement have  
not exceeded 1 of 1 per cent. of the  
money subscribed. (Applause.)  
You will find in your places a full  
list of the various payments made by  
the committee and I trust you will  
consider that the money at our dis-  
posal has been well distributed.

I now come to the resolution. It  
is felt that the time has come when  
this central organisation, though  
wound up and that further efforts for  
assistance to the many sufferers from  
the war may be safely left to the  
various permanent Charitable Soci-  
ties such as the Masonic Body, the  
St. George's Society and the St.  
Andrew's Society. Queen Mary's  
Society, etc., who I have not doubt  
would be quite willing to do  
work in combination in organising  
any further general appeal for funds  
that may hereafter be necessary.

S. S. MONTEAGLE  
STUCK.ARRIVAL DELAYED BY  
BOILER TROUBLE.

Upon enquiry at the C.P.R. Office  
this morning, we learn that the S.S.  
Monteagle, which is due here from  
Vancouver to-morrow morning, is  
"stranded somewhere outside" with  
boiler trouble.

## BILLIARDS.

## THE SOLDIERS' CLUB CUP.

## STAFF AND DEPTS. v. NAVY.

This annual tournament com-  
menced at the Soldiers' Club last  
night. Two games of 250 up were  
played, each team winning one.  
The games were very evenly con-  
tested. Sgt.-Major Sainsbury winning  
the first by 20 points. The game  
between S.Q.M. Sgt. Sherrif, Staff  
and Depts., and S.B.A. Crocker, R.N.,  
seemed likely to be a runaway win  
for the Navyman. For a long time  
he had a lead of about 60. With  
this comfortable lead he went in for  
scoring from impossible positions  
and Sherrif took due advantage. He  
quickly reduced his deficit to 30 in  
two visits to the table, finally losing  
by 16 only. The best breaks made  
were: Sherrif, 23; Crocker, 19;  
Langford, 18; Sainsbury, 15.  
Scores:—

Staff and Depts. .... 250  
Sgt.-Major Sainsbury, ..... 234  
Q. M. Sgt. Sherrif, ..... 484

Royal Navy. .... 480  
Chief Steward Langford, ..... 230  
S.B.A. Crocker, ..... 250

The match will be continued to-  
night.

## FOOTBALL.

## ROYAL ARTILLERY CUP.

83RD CO. R.G.A. v. 88TH CO.  
R.G.A.

By defeating the 88th Company  
at Happy Valley yesterday, the 83rd  
Company win the Royal Artillery  
Cup for 1919. The 88th Company  
had by far the greater share of the  
play, but fine goalkeeping by Dic-  
terson and sharpshooting by Green gave  
them the win. Green scored both  
the goals in breakaways. Result—  
83rd Co. R.G.A., 2; 88th Co.  
R.G.A., 0.

Needlework Guild, etc., who I have  
no doubt would be quite willing to  
do work in combination in organising  
any further general appeal for funds  
that may hereafter be necessary.  
The War Charities Committee  
have consistently borne in mind the  
necessity of giving priority to the  
needs of Charities of immediate local  
interest and ladies' working parties  
have been kept well supplied with  
materials and no opportunity has  
been lost of assisting Naval and Mil-  
itary units in the Colony. Every  
effort was made to trace Hongkong  
Prisoners of War and to put them on  
our list for relief and I have no doubt  
this work will be continued when  
necessary by the permanent Charit-  
able Societies which I have named.

With the winding up of this cen-  
tral organisation the regular monthly  
subscribers will be able to reconsider  
their position and if they wish to do  
so transfer their subscriptions to one  
or other of the Societies referred to  
above. The ground will also be  
cleared for the work of the recently  
appointed War Memorial Committee  
who will no doubt require a large  
sum of money for the erection of a  
War Memorial that will be worthy  
of the Colony.

In closing this organisation we  
have only a few commitments to deal  
with. We are under an obligation  
to pay \$200 per month for the dur-  
ation of the War to the Royal Flying  
Corps Hospital, Bryanston Square,  
and after consulting Mr. Murray  
Stewart it is proposed to make a  
final donation of \$1,000 to this Hos-  
pital which we understand is accept-  
able to and will be regarded by the  
management as a full discharge of  
our undertaking to them. If, how-  
ever, more funds are required for this  
Hospital, I do not anticipate any  
difficulty in raising a further subscrip-  
tion on their behalf; but I do  
not think this will be necessary, for  
from the last balance sheet we have  
seen there were ample funds in hand  
amounting to some £80,000.

With regard to the rights acquired  
in one room in the Star and Gar-  
ter Hospital it is proposed to ask the  
Chamber of Commerce to undertake  
the resolution. (Applause.)

I have pleasure in seconding the  
resolution. (Applause.)

But to the meeting his motion was  
carried. A vote of thanks to His  
Excellency concluded the meeting.















## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

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## AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

LONDON, February 29th.—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Walter Long stated that the Imperial Government had offered the Australian Commonwealth Government six modern destroyers and six modern submarines. The submarines had been presented to Canada. Requests made by other Dominions would receive the most sympathetic consideration. Mr. Long emphasised that the Australian Navy was in an advanced stage of development.

## U-BOAT LOST.

HAMBURG, February 29th.—A surrendered U-boat, which was being towed to England, sank off the Dogger Bank. The crew were saved.

## GERMAN SITUATION.

The Bavarian Ministers, Herr Tamm and Hoffmann, who were waiting for the recent shooting affair in the Diet, have disappeared from Munich. They are now concealed. Martial law continues, but the town is quiet. Work has been resumed.

COPENHAGEN, February 29th.—A message from Berlin states that the German Government has written to Herr Ebert announcing its intention to return to Germany and continue to serve the German people.

A message from Berlin states that there was a brief recurrence of shooting in the newspaper quarter on the evening of February 29th.

It is thought that this foreshadows a new Spartacist conspiracy, but the Government troops are ready to quell any outbreak.

COPENHAGEN, February 29th.—A message from Munich via Berlin states that a Congress of two hundred representatives of the Workers' Soldiers' and Peasants' Councils was held at the Landtag.

The suggestion that the Congress should constitute itself into a provisional National Council was loudly applauded. The Deputation announced that a meeting of five thousand workers demanded the immediate proclamation of a Soviet Republic, the institution of relations with the Russian Soviet Republic, and the annulment of State debts.

COPENHAGEN, February 29th.—A message from Berlin states that after a simultaneous land and sea attack, resulting in a violent battle, the Germans recaptured Windau from the Bolsheviks.

## ALSACE-LORRAINE.

PARIS, February 29th.—The first meeting of the Alsace-Lorraine Supreme Council passed a resolution rejecting the German suggestion of a plebiscite and affirming the country's determination to remain French.

## BRITISH OVERSEAS BANK.

LONDON, March 3rd.—It is understood that the capital of the British Overseas Bank (furnished by the Anglo-South-American Bank, the Clydesdale Bank, the Northern Bank, the Union Bank of Scotland, and the Williams Deacons Bank) will be about £2,000,000.

The scheme represents an entirely new development in British banking enterprise. It will aim at providing additional facilities for the British import and export trade, and at developing closer working arrangements between the constituent banks, each of which covers a different territory. The new bank will establish branches abroad, thus serving the participating Banks from each having to open separate branches abroad, in order to enter for business outside the territory in which they now operate.

## FLU AT HOME.

LONDON, February 29th.—Influenza has been the cause of 3,046 deaths in the great towns of England and Wales during the last week, as compared with 1,363 during the previous week.

## ZIONISM.

PARIS, February 29th.—The Zionist Organisation has been given permission to submit the case of a Jewish National Movement to the Peace Conference at an early date.

The Jews will be represented by M. Hokolow and M. Weizmann.

## U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, February 27th.—President Wilson has convened a Conference of the Governors of the States and the Mayors of the larger cities at White House for March 3rd to discuss vital questions affecting business and labour.

WASHINGTON, February 29th.—It is announced that President Wilson will not convene the extra session of Congress until after his return from the next trip to Europe. He believes that it is his duty to remain in Europe until the Peace Treaty has been concluded.

## SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALISTS.

LONDON, February 29th.—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Balfour, Mr. Walter Long stated that the Imperial Government had neither suggested nor approved of the offer of Admiral Fitzherbert to convey the Nationalist Deputation to Europe aboard a cruiser.

## PORTUGAL.

LISBON, February 21st.—The President signed a Decree dissolving Parliament.

## POLAND.

WARSAW, February 29th.—The Inter-Allied mission to secure an agreement between the Poles and the Czechs has been successful. Temporary frontiers have been arranged.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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## THE SOVIET REPUBLIC.

LONDON, February 29th.—The British Government has issued a challenge for the International Davis Cup, which is to be held by Australia.

## END OF L.O.B.

The Commons passed the second reading of the Ministry of Health Bill transferring to the new Department all the various powers presently exercised by different authorities with the object of securing co-ordination and concerted action.

The local Government Board is practically absorbed in the new Department, which also takes over the duties of the Ministry of Pensions, as regards disabled soldiers.

## BOLSHEVIK CRIMES.

COPENHAGEN, February 29th.—An appalling narrative of inhuman crimes is revealed in the official report of the Estonian authorities on the Bolshevik atrocities committed in Estonia. Three large graves, opened at Wessenberg, revealed 83 corpses, with skulls shattered.

An eye-witness of the execution, who escaped, described the terrible scene. The victims were shot indiscriminately, and trampled in graves in the vicinity, which was littered with torn clothing, brains, fragments of skulls, and hair.

Similar blood-christenings are reported in Dorpat, where bodies were dropped into the river through holes in the ice. Thirty women were killed at Narva. Stones were tied round their necks and they were thrown into the river.

## DYE STUFFS.

LONDON, February 29th.—A Proclamation has been published in the Gazette prohibiting the importation of dye-stuffs without a licence.

## THE AFGHAN AFFAIR.

The Times says that it is rumoured that the murdered Amir's brother, Nasrullah Khan, assumed the throne of Afghanistan.

According to a current story, the assassination of the Amir took place whilst he was sleeping in the camp at Laghman Valley, forty miles from Kabul. Two men, who, presumably, surprised or bribed the guards, entered the tent and having fired a number of revolver shots and stabbed the Amir in several places, escaped.

## CANADIAN POLITICS.

OTTAWA, February 29th.—Mr. D. D. Mackenzie, King's Counsel, has been appointed leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, until the Liberal Convention appoints a permanent successor to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

## BOHEMIAN DISTRESS.

PARIS, February 29th.—Ten truck-loads of medicines and hospital supplies were despatched to Prague. Large supplies of foodstuffs are following shortly for the starving peoples in Bohemia.

## RUSSIA.

STOCKHOLM, February 29th.—A Petrograd decree issued by the People's Commissaries announces that, owing to the inability of the Soviet Republic to carry on certain industrial enterprises, concessions will be granted to foreigners, especially with a view to the construction of the great northern railway, and the development of vast stretches of forest land.

## HOME TRANSPORTATION.

LONDON, February 29th.—In the House of Commons, Mr. E. Shortt, the Home Secretary, introduced a Bill establishing a Ministry of War and Communications. He emphasised the necessity of transport for the development of industries as well as the necessity for the control and co-ordination of such transport.

The new Ministry would take over the control of the railways, tramways, canals, waterways, and roads. It would also control the supply of electricity.

The new Ministry would maintain the control of the railways which the Government exercised during the war.

## ESTHONIA.

The Bolshevik Press dwell anxiously on the increasing reverse of the Red Army in Estonia, which are attributed to fatigue, bad equipment, and the wrecked organisation of the supplies.

## LATE CAPT. ARTHUR ANDERSON.

News was received in Shanghai on Feb. 25 by cable from Colombo that Captain Arthur Anderson (Andy) had died and was buried at sea on Feb. 21.

Captain Anderson was acting chief officer of the Kailan Mining Administration, str. Kwangping, requisitioned by H. M. Government for service as a transport in the Mediterranean Sea since November, 1917. The ship was returning to China, having been released from active service, with Captain Budgen, of the Licensed Pilots' Association, as skipper. It was the latter who sent the cable.

Captain Anderson had been on the China Coast for about 20 years and is well known to travellers, especially on the Tientsin-Chinwangtao-Shanghai run, and was highly respected by all who knew him but particularly by his maritime colleagues.

## A VISIT TO THE CORONET.

(Contributed by "Barba.")

Last evening I thought I would go and see these Pictures. They talk so much about them. I went to the Coronet. It was my first visit. I said, "Present," and pushed in past the attendants, who were Chinese boys. They collected in a group and discussed me, while I took a back seat and looked at the theatre. It is a nice little theatre, and very clean. I made up my mind to come again, often. A newspaperman can afford it. In London the managers would come to me in the stalls, and hope I liked the show, and would I care for a B. and S. in the interval? It was very nice. Sometimes I almost think I prefer London to Hongkong. But there, Hongkong's a change, isn't it? And a little change is so handy.

"You no pay?" It was one of the Chinese boys. "No," I said, firmly. Then, by way of explanation, I added, "China Mail." He went away behind the stage and came back with a copy of the China Mail, which he offered me. I waved him aside, for just then the King, God bless him, was bowing to me. I saw him as plainly as I've seen him in Town. These pictures are wonderful, aren't they? I saw the Queen, too. Saw her plain. Very plain. But it was only for a moment. An attendant stepped in front of her, and said something about thirty cents. These interruptions are a nuisance. They made me lose the thread of the plot. Why should the king try to climb a greasy board? I looked again, and it wasn't the king. He had no beard. I told the attendant to run away and play. When I turned to the pictures there were two men on a raft, behaving very foolishly, I thought. Submarine, I suppose; but that meddlesome attendant had made me miss the legend they show you at the front of the picture. The two men got ashore alright, and went to what looked like the Sultan of Johore's palace, but it couldn't be that, because the shore was not at all Malayan. The palace was full of beautiful girls, who danced and waved their hands at the two submarine sailors. Ah! Now I shall know what is really happening. Here are some printed words which say:

"Who man talker you can come in and no pay?" It was another attendant, supported by two others. People were turning round to look at us. I urged him in a tense whisper to depart thence ere calamity fell upon him. He must have understood my looks, for my words. He went. I turned to the pictures, and there was a perfectly splendid scrap going on in a well-lit cafe. The two submarine sailors were not there, so far as I could see, but the girls were. I began to grasp the plot now. It was easier to follow than when the King and the Sultan of Johore and the funny sailors were all mixed up. Probably the Censor did it, inadvertently, when he was passing them. The picture people had got them partly straightened out now, although the scene had shifted from Johore to America. There was a young gentleman very handy with his fists, who defended a young lady from a drunken man by wrecking the cafe. The police came (they were American police) and hit everybody on the head with their clubs. So the young gentleman, when he got out of jail, went to a Balkan state with a cowboy and a hard-boiled egg to manage a cattle concession in the middle of a rebellion for his father who was rich and chewed cigars. And the princess turned out to be the very same young lady, worried now by many conspirators who all had beards and rolled their eyes and whispered. The American hero made a lot of fun of what he called their whippers, as if he were whippers, but I thought the villain rather nice looking. The Bulgarian ambassador wasn't, but you could see his beard was a false one. So he hired a negro to go with the hard-boiled egg and the cowboy throwing dice while he climbed up to the balcony to kiss the princess till midnight, which was improper. If she wasn't on the throne at five o'clock next day, the throne would get it, so they arrested her and put her in a cave, but he jumped on a soldier's horse and asked her:

"What paper do you represent?" It was the attendant, again. He had brought the proprietor with him this time. "Is it Mr. Barba? Oh, yes. I remember you years ago. I wouldn't have known you on account of your."

"Don't," I hissed. "Don't say it, or I won't answer for the consequences." So he went away, and I turned in time to see another perfectly lovely scrap around the throne, the chief blunder of which was that the clean-shaven or moustached minority easily defeated the bearded mob. When it was all over, the hero sat down on the throne, all torn and untidy as he was, beside the princess, who caressed the muscle of his forearm and said:

"Mr. Ray, talker you can come in here?" It was another Chinese attendant. I gripped him by the front of his long coat, and said, "Look here, you. Kind hearts are more than coronets, but if I hear one more chirp from you, I shall run amok. Blood

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## LAUNCH OF THE S.S. "LAERTES."

To-day at Taikeo Dockyard another

addition to the "Blue Funnel" fleet of Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. was successfully launched.

The naming ceremony was performed by Miss Robertson.

The principal dimensions of the vessel are:—Length overall 441 ft. 6 inches, breadth over-all 52 ft. 4 inches, and 83 feet depth to upper deck from bottom of keel, the total gross tonnage being 5,800, and deadweight carrying capacity will be about 8,000 tons. The Laertes has two complete decks with an open deck forward, poop, bridge and forecastle, and a closed deckhouse at fore end of bridge, two pole masts and ten derrick poles, also six cargo hatches. The vessel has a straight stem, elliptical stern, and cellular double bottom all fore and aft, the wings of which have been carried well up the sides of the vessel. Eight watertight bulkheads are carried to the upper deck giving the vessel six cargo holds. The space under the forecastle has been fitted up for emigrants, while the space under the poop has been utilized for the accommodation of sailors and firemen. Petty officers' rooms are on the bridge deck alongside the engine casing. In the citadel house at the fore end of the bridge deck, the saloon, engineers' and officers' rooms have been arranged, and on the deck over the saloon is a guest house containing the captain's day and night cabins, also two passenger staterooms. Over this house again is the navigating bridge with wheel house and chart room. The vessel is supplied with seventeen steam winches with derricks carrying loads varying from 2 tons to 40 tons. A powerful Marconi wireless apparatus is installed, with suitable rooms for the operators.

The machinery consists of one set of triple-expansion surface-condensing engines having cylinders 28 inches, 44 inches and 76 inches diameter, with a stroke of 54 inches. Steam is supplied to the main engines from two large double-ended boilers, one single-ended auxiliary boiler is also provided, and all the boilers have a working pressure of 200 lbs.

Electric light has been fitted throughout the ship.

When completed and on service the Laertes will attain a speed of 13 knots.

## CAN WE CAN FOODS TOO?

After many years of simulated aversion from tinned foods, the British nation seems to have become converted to as ready an acceptance of the packed article as of the home product. For this we have to thank America; and the story is one of the bright spots of the war period.

At a moment when Great Britain was putting forth one of her greatest efforts the alarming fact of a serious food shortage became apparent. First care had to be given to our soldiers' and sailors' supplies. Our Allies also looked to us for help.

It seemed as though our civilians must go short. An immediate campaign to stimulate food production and another to urge food economy were begun. But the former would not give results for some months and the latter would only conserve what food we had and could not add to our resources.

The aid of America was sought in this crisis, and in a few days immense stocks of food had been expressed from all parts of the United States to the Atlantic seaboard, packed tight into a fleet of waiting steamers, and the food-ships rushed across the sea under safe convoy to British ports. A few days more and these foods were distributed throughout the length and breadth of the country.

America's food resources, plus the British Navy, had rescued Great Britain from a tight corner.

Those American foods were mostly of the "canned" variety, and they included meats, fish, condensed milk, macaroni, soups, syrups, fruits, and vegetables, and vast quantities of baked beans. They were eagerly bought, first experimentally, then as a matter of course. To-day the steady demand for them suggests the possibility of our becoming permanent consumers of canned foods—as invertebrates themselves.

And this raises the question whether, when our own food production permits America to cease supplies of these toothsome additions to our menu, our British factories will step into the gap and continue to satisfy the taste that America has cultivated in us.

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## THE SUMMARY COURT.

ARREST TO KAIPO MOTOR

ACCIDENT.

Before Mr. Justice Macbourn in the Supreme Court this morning, the hearing was begun in an action brought by Mr. D. M. Mackay of the Taikeo Dock Co., and another, against Oyagar Singh, motor car owner, claiming \$1,000 being injuries suffered and damages to apparel caused through the negligent driving of a motor car by the defendant's chauffeur, thereby causing an accident on Taikeo Road on the afternoon of Dec. 15 last.

Mr. Bellies was for the plaintiffs whilst Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, was for the defendant. Mr. Bellies informed his Lordship that it had been agreed between his friend and himself that the evidence of Mrs. Mackay, who was about to leave the Colony, should be taken to-day.

His Lordship agreed.

Mrs. Mackay, in the witness box, said she was the wife of Mr. David Murray Mackay of the Taikeo Docks and lived in Quarry Bay. On Dec. 15 last, her husband and Lieut. Sykes left the house to come to town. That was about 11 a.m. They returned at about 1.30 p.m. in a motor car and told her there was a car waiting and they would all go for a drive to Taikeo. They went in the car as far as the Star Ferry and crossed the harbour by the 2.55 launch. When they arrived at Kowloon, the party went to the Palace Hotel where a car was waiting to take them to Taikeo. Witness took a rug with her into the car as it was very cold. She did not know where the garage was, they phoned to the Palace Hotel for the car. They spent about five minutes in the Hotel and then got into the car and were taken to the Yau-mai Police Station where they were to pick up Sergeant Grimmett but he was not there, so they decided to go on to Taikeo without him. There were four passengers in the car including the driver. Witness sat in the middle with Mr. Mackay on her right and Lieut. Sykes on her left. They drew the rug up to their shoulders as it was very cold. They were in no hurry to get to Taikeo. There was no necessity to be in a hurry. They went to Taikeo just for an afternoon drive. There was a suggestion to call on board the Cadmus which was lying off Taikeo. The car was not going fast. When they left the Palace Hotel, she made a remark that the car was very shabby looking. Mr. Osberry said the car was quite all right, so they jumped in. Lieut. Sykes said later to the driver as they wanted to get to the Yau-mai Police Station in time to meet Sgt. Grimmett. There was no suggestion to fail after they got to the station. Owing to the condition of the road and the bad way in which the driver took the various corners, she called out to him to "be careful." Soon after they had passed the 12-mile post—they had been in the car about an hour and a half—the accident occurred. Coming round a bend, the car ran on the wrong side of the road and as they were about to take a corner on the left hand side of the road, the driver took a wide sweep and the car went down the hill. Just before the accident, her husband said they ought to be able to see the Cadmus after turning the corner. Immediately after he had spoken, he noticed the car was going over the side of the road and called out "My God!" and the next second, the car was going down the hill side. They were all thrown out the car and she rolled a little way down the hill when her fall was checked by a small tree. After lying by the side of the tree for about five minutes, she crawled up on to the road where she collapsed. She was badly bruised and was much shaken. Just then a Mr. Pugo came on the scene, and stopping his motor cycle, lifted her into his side-car. Mr. Pugo then went to Lieut. Sykes's aid. Two other cars came on the scene then, and she was taken into Inspector August's car and driven to town. From her position on the road, she could see the other occupants of the car lying at the bottom of the hill. The height of the hill was roughly 85 feet—about the length of the court. She saw Dr. Koch when she arrived in town and went to the French Hospital on the following day and remained there for eight days under the care of Dr. Koch. All her clothing was torn to pieces as a result of the accident, whilst she lost a silver bag containing \$50 in notes. She was wearing furs and these also were damaged. Given a list, Mrs. Mackay ticked off all the items pertaining to her and said the figures written against them were very fair as all her things were new.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hall, the witness said no suggestion was made to the driver that he was to drive them to Taikeo and back in two hours. No one in the car interfered with the driver in any way. She did not see any of the men strike the chauffeur. The car was going slow but she had the impression that the chauffeur was not driving the car as carefully as he should, he took the various corners in a negligent manner.

Further hearing was postponed sine die.

## HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of this company was held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes & Co. to-day, at noon, the Hon. Mr. R. Shewan presiding. There were present Messrs. H. P. White and J. H. Wallace (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. H. F. Campbell (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. C. D. Buyers, M. S. Northcote, William Anderson, C. Klinck, R. Henderson, George Grimble, Henry Hancock, and E. L. Simon.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen,—The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days so with your permission we will read them now. Contrary to my expectation we have had about as good a year as before, so that we have nothing additional to provide for Depreciation of Investments this year we are able to pay the same Dividend and Bonus, put \$70,000 as against \$50,000 to Reserve Fund, and \$20,000 besides to Investment Depreciation Fund, and carrying forward \$50,570.43 as against \$45,226.02 last year so that in every direction we have improved our position. But we have however really more money now than we can handle comfortably. On December 31st 1917 our Accounts show \$197,207 on hand which had grown to \$451,049, on December 31st 1918 and the problem now is what to do with it. If it were needed for the Company's business we should of course retain it, and invest it as best we could but we do not see that we are justified in more or less speculating with it in local stocks which are liable to violent fluctuation at any time. If we invest at home there is not only the risk of exchange and a low return but we all know how the Banks at home made a Fetish of Consols and other so-called gilt-edged securities and how they had to write off heavy losses year after year in consequence, so where those financial experts rushed in we may well fear to tread.

In the face of such results as those. Looking at the question from every point of view and bearing in mind the present unsettled state of the Commercial World we have come to the conclusion that it would be fairer to all concerned if we simply divided the money among shareholders and left them, if they wished to do so, to invest it on their own judgment. We accordingly recommend in addition to our ordinary Dividend and Bonus, the payment of a further bonus out of the Reserve Fund of \$5 per share, amounting to \$300,000, which will still leave \$50,000 at Credit of that Fund. But as to this the decision rests entirely with you shareholders and if you wish us to keep this money and invest it for you, you have only to say so but you must not blame us if later on we have to write off in order to make good losses from shrinkage. As regards our prospects for the current year it is impossible to express any decided opinion. Now that Peace is on the eve of being declared, this year cannot bristle with all the difficulties we had to contend with last year. Although we have made such good profits our sales actually fell off and the demand so far this year has been very poor, we hear too of opposition from a new factory in one of our best markets. The price of raw material has fallen a little lately but is far from normal and the market over in the Philippines is by no means weak. But we should not fear to meet competition and lower prices for raw material must, we think, come before long, in which case with lower costs the demand for Cordage should improve again. It certainly is very slack at the moment but the conclusion of the war has rather unsettled our customers who have been looking for a general fall in prices of commodities which does not seem likely to take place in spite of lower rates of freight etc. There is nothing that I can see in the Accounts that requires any comment but if there is I shall be glad to answer any question from shareholders after they have been duly proposed and seconded.

In accordance with our recommendation I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented to this Meeting be adopted and passed, and that we place to Reserve Fund—\$70,000.00 To Investment Depreciation Fund—20,000.00 Pay a bonus to Staff at Factory—8,408.30 Pay final dividend of \$1 per share—60,000.00 and a bonus of \$1 per share—60,000.00 and carried forward—50,570.43 out of the profits for the year, and further that we pay a Bonus of \$5 per share to shareholders out of Reserve Fund absorbing \$300,000.00. Mr. H. P. White seconded the adoption of the report and accounts. Put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. M. S. Northcote proposed and Mr. C. Klinck seconded the re-election

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## WEATHER REPORT.

March 4th, 1919. 30th.—Pressure has

increased moderately over N. Japan, slightly over the Philippines, and has decreased slightly to moderately elsewhere; the anticyclone has moved eastwards and is now central over Korea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.90 inch. Total since January 1st, 2.15 inches, against an average of 3.55 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on March 5, 1919.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, moderate to fair.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Soongkong and Lamooks: The same as No. 1.

4.—North coast of China between Soongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.



## COMMERCIAL.

## JANUARY RUBBER RETURNS.

Malaka Finta.—30,272 lbs.; five months 153,800 lbs.

## SENNAH RUBBER.

The annual meeting of the Sennah Rubber Company, Ltd., was held on December 31 at London, Mr. Frank Copeman, in the absence of the Hon. Everard Feilding (chairman of the company), presiding.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. In doing so he said that the company's revenue in the way of proceeds from the sale of rubber had amounted during the year to £123,207. The crop had been 1,357,273 lbs., against a published estimate of 1,700,000 lbs., and a crop for the previous year of 1,555,449 lbs. The decrease of the estimate was to be accounted for by the scheme for the restriction of output promulgated by the Rubber Growers' Association, to which the company had been a party. The number of trees being tapped at the end of the year had been 437,344, against 461,810. The yield per acre had been 214 lbs., against a yield for the previous year of 335 lbs. That figure indicated the effect of the restriction, and also, of the more careful tapping that had been practised during the year. The yield per tree had been 3.21 lbs., against 3.11 lbs. The average gross price realised for rubber sold in London had been 2s. 1.64d. per lb., but the greater part of the crop had been sold in the East (owing to the lack of shipping facilities to this country), where it had realised only 1s. 5.6d. per lb.

## MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

James F. Hinton & Co., Ltd., of Manchester, report on Dec. 23 as follows:

The Manchester market still reports that there is nothing doing nor do the prospects of a revival of buying seem any nearer. Prices for cloth are not altering much so far; they have of course come down somewhat from the top along with the reduction in the price of yarn, but there has been no great ease and nothing to warrant a general revival of buying under present circumstances. Cotton prices in America keep very firm, and during the past week have been on the upward grade again; in fact values are almost as high as they were a couple of months ago. The principal items of note since our last report are the settlement of the strike in the spinning section of the trade, which resulted in a considerable advance in wages being given to the operatives, and also a further advance in wages being given to the weavers. These, so combined, put quite a good percentage on to the price of a jump of cloth, and will have to be given with when business recovers. "While we do not wish to put ourselves in a position which might tend to give our clients the idea that we think the present range of prices will rule for any considerable length of time, we do think the ideas abroad of what cloth prices will come to from the importing markets of India show that the dealers are in a state of absolute panic and one can hardly credit reports of wholesale failures of dealers who have been doing so well during the past three or four years. The requests for cancellation of orders on the books still continue, and while the general feeling among merchants here is to help their good friends all they can, it is for the Indian importers to realize that contracts made cannot be cancelled so easily, much as merchants would like to oblige them. It must also not be forgotten that it will be a long time before any cheaper goods can be exported and generally speaking the lines which are on the books are for goods which are needed in the markets at present. Any real slump in prices on this side still seems a very long way off."

## COMMERCIAL.

## LANGKAT PROFITS.

The general agents of the Maatschappij tot Mijl-Beech-en Landbouwerij in Langkat advise that the general profit and loss account, including the 845,808.18 brought forward from last year and adding the net proceeds from sales of material, shows a surplus of Tls. 726,763.22, which the directors will propose should be dealt with as follows at the forthcoming general meeting:—

Tls.  
Pay a dividend of Tls. 2 per share ..... 500,000.00  
Write off the Montoku and China accounts .. 88,552.56  
Carry forward ..... 140,210.66  
726,763.22

## SAGGA RUBBER.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Sagga Rubber Company, Ltd., was held on December 30, in London, Mr. G. Moly Stuart presiding.

The Chairman said: Turning to the accounts, you will see our profit and loss accounts show a surplus of only £3,645, but while this is all that we can at present show to the credit of the account it is not all the credit that properly attaches to the year, for there is a substantial sum to be added in respect of our claim under the Excess Profit Act, which could not be credited in these accounts because it could not be collected until they were duly completed. The directors believe that, especially as the year was a bad one, the shareholders would prefer that they should not entirely ignore the sum still to come in, and to meet this they have withdrawn—I might say borrowed—£3,000 from the reserve fund. This brings up the total at the credit of the profit and loss account to £6,645. A dividend of 25 per cent. for the year—that is, 10 per cent. paid in May and 15 per cent. proposed to be paid now—takes £3,750, leaving £2,895 to be carried forward, in addition to £12,895 left in the reserve fund.

## LUMUT REPORT.

The report of the Lumut Rubber Estates, Limited, states that the yield for the period under review was 974,500 lbs. of dry marketed rubber, against 1,075,830 lbs. in the previous year. The reduction is due to the restriction of output scheme proposed by the Rubber Growers' Association, to which the directors agreed to adhere. The average gross price realised, including the estimated value of the unsold portion of the crop, was equivalent to 1s. 10.72d. per lb. London landed terms. The comparative all-in costs (exclusive of excess-profits duty and income tax) for the year have been as follows:—Cost per lb.: Estate expenditure, 9.93d.; depreciation on buildings, machinery, etc., 52d.; insurances against fire and tempest, .22d.; f.o.b., 7.67d.; freight, marine insurance and sale charges (London equivalent), 2.53d.; war risk insurance,

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 4th MARCH, 1919.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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BANKS.

Hongkong Bank, ... .. \$782 1/2

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, ... .. \$782 1/2

Canton Ind. ... .. \$410

North China Ind. ... .. T. 124

Union Ind. ... .. \$125 1/2

Yankee Ind. ... .. \$210

Far Eastern ... .. T. 23

Fire Insurance.

China Fire Ins. ... .. \$175

Hongkong Fire Ins. ... .. \$350

Savings.

Donghai ... .. \$95

E.R. Steamships ... .. \$204

Indo China (Prof.) ... .. \$31

Do. (Def.) ... .. \$156

Shell Transport ... .. \$163 1/2

Star Ferries ... .. \$38

Raffles.

China Sugars \$125 b., 119/125 a.

Malayan Sugars ... .. \$34 b.

Misc.

Kailan Mining Adm. ... .. 47 1/2

Langkat ... .. T. 53 1/2

Raffles ... .. \$2

Tonghai ... .. 40 1/2

Ural Caspian ... .. 40 1/2

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.

H. &amp; K. Wharves ... .. \$118 s. 11 1/2

H. &amp; W. Docks ... .. \$180 s. 13 1/2

Sai Docks ... .. T. 134

New Engineering ... .. T. 35 1/2

Land, Hotels &amp; Buildings.

Central Estates ... .. \$101

Hongkong Hotels ... .. \$37

Hongkong Lands ... .. \$101

Hampshire ... .. \$710

Kowloon Lands ... .. \$53

Land Reclamations ... .. T. 176

West Point ... .. \$68

Corros Metals.

Evo Cottons ... .. T. 187 1/2

Kang Yeh ... .. T. 16 b. 18

Leon Kung Mow ... .. T. 138

Oriental ... .. T. 138

Shanghai Cottons ... .. T. 164

Yangtze ... .. T. 9.6 b.

Miscellaneous.

Cement ... .. \$10

China Bricks ... .. \$11 1/2

China Lights ... .. \$5

China Providents ... .. \$3.35

Dairy Farms ... .. \$28

H.K. Electric ... .. \$77

H.K. Ind. ... .. \$23

Hongkong Ropes ... .. \$8

H.K. Tramways ... .. \$8

Peak Tramways (Old) ... .. \$7 1/2

do. (New) ... .. \$7 1/2

Steam Laundries ... .. \$3.60

H.K. Steel Foundries ... .. \$13

Water-works ... .. \$12 1/2

Watsons ... .. \$10

Powells ... .. \$10

Wisemanns ... .. \$27

1.81d.; London expenses (including

subscriptions and donations), 38d.

The net profit for the year is £44,970,

to which has to be added the amount

brought forward, £61,995, making a

total sum of £106,965. Deducting

from this excess-profits duty to

September 30, 1917, £52,031; in-

terim dividend of 5 per cent. paid

July 1, £10,374,—there remains a

balance of £44,600. Out of this the

directors propose to transfer to in-

come tax reserve account £2,000, and

they recommend a final dividend of

7 1/2 per cent., less income tax at 6s.

6d. in the £, absorbing £15,861

(making a total dividend of 12 1/2

per cent., less tax for the year), leaving

to be carried forward, subject to

excess-profits duty, if any, £25,739.

## INTIMATIONS.

## PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

## WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes

8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.—Every 10 minutes

9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes

11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—Every 30 minutes

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11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.—Every 15 minutes

SUNDAYS.

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7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.—Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the

Company's Office, Alexandra Building, 20

Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and special tickets available for

all cars not shown full running as the

time stated in the Company's time tables,

but not for special cars, can be obtained

on application at the Company's Office.

No Season tickets will be issued with

any other than the Company's time tables

issued by the Company or by the

Company's Office or by the Company's

representatives at the Company's Office.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS &amp; SON,

General Managers.

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## BANKS.

## THE BANK OF CHINA.

## GOVERNMENT BANK.

## 行銀國中

(Specially authorised by Presidential

Mandate of 22nd November, 1917)

Authorized Capital—\$50,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital—12,579,800.00

Reserve Funds—3,197,400.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES

PEKING: Haidian, Tugong,

NORTH: Miyun, Chobai, Pailin,

Nianlan, Heanhu, CHILAI:

Tientsin, Pootung, Luli, Tsinan,

Sungang, Shantung, Tangshan, Tam-

chiang, Chobai, Wai-shan, MANGCHU-

RIA: Changchun, Moukden, Kirin,

Taipei, Newchang, Liangyungchow,

Hohai, Haining, Tientsin, Harbin,

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LAO KUNG MOW COTTON  
S. & W. CO.

The twenty-fifth ordinary meeting of the Lao Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held at Shanghai on February 25. There were present the following directors:—Messrs. E. C. Pearce (Chairman), E. I. Ezra, C. M. Bain and Chung Liang-yu, and the secretary, Mr. H. W. F. McMeekin and shareholders representing in all 4184 shares. The Chairman said:—

The report and accounts for the working of the year 1918 having been in your hands for a few days, we will, with your permission, adopt our usual procedure and take them as read.

The year's working of the mill has been quiet and satisfactory and although day and night work was not resumed until February 21, the production for the twelve months exceeded any previous year's record thereby satisfying your board that the money expended in repairs and renewals has been well spent and that your plant is capable of producing as good an output as in the earlier days of the company. It is also pleasant to record the fact that your mill manager, Mr. Webster, who was installed in January, 1918, has experienced no labour troubles, which during the two previous years so handicapped our output.

The internal political troubles of China, however, during the months of May, June and July brought about such a state of affairs as to cause a complete cessation of trade with Szechuan as well as in the large yarn consuming districts in the immediate neighbourhood of Hankow, which for a time were overrun by bands of robbers. These unfortunate disturbances, fomented as they were by the contending political factions representing the North and the South, very adversely affected our yarn market and prices for all spinnings fell very considerably, in fact during this period of unrest sales were most difficult to effect. The yarn industry, therefore, during these months was far from profitable and our losses exceeded the profits made over our first quarter's working.

After the last few years of uphill work your Board are pleased to be able to place before you today a more satisfactory state of affairs. Including the Tls. 1917 account we are able to show a credit at profit and loss account of Tls. 113,292.84 which your Board now recommends should be dealt with as published in the report now before you, viz:—

A dividend of Tls. 7.00 per share absorbing ..... 56,000.00  
Depreciation on mill buildings ..... 6,263.70  
Depreciation on machinery ..... 32,110.40  
Depreciation on weaving plant ..... 5,722.17  
Depreciation on furniture ..... 677.53  
Write off research and land improvements ..... 2,000.00  
General managers' commission ..... 6,283.31  
To carry forward to the 1919 a/c ..... 4,485.73  
113,292.84

In asking you to approve of this depreciation we are merely following the conservative policy your Board have invariably adopted which, if sanctioned at today's meeting, will reduce the book cost of your buildings to Tls. 160,000, your spinning machinery to Tls. 305,000, and your weaving plant to Tls. 50,000—in these days an exceedingly reasonable figure when one takes in consideration the present high cost of replacement. This is the first year we have had to refer to the development of our weaving department, and I am glad to be able to tell you that in the opinion of your directors the venture has proved entirely successful.

Weaving was commenced in April and by the end of that month we had 100 looms in full working order, another 40 looms should arrive during this year and complete our present extension. Your Board have hopes in the near future of further increasing the department.

You will observe from the auditors' Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews' report the following wording: "Owing to the recent decline in the price of cotton, cotton stocks which have, as usual, been taken in at cost, appear in the balance sheet at a figure which is above market values ruling at December 31, 1918." Should this in any way convey to you an idea that we are carrying forward a stock of cotton at very high rates, I may say that the average price of cotton carried forward, sufficient in quantity for the working of the mill for about three weeks is Tls. 32.60, not so very much above the market price ruling on December 31, and which had been previously purchased to cover profitable sales of yarn.

For the sake of regularity I have to announce that the general managers' agreement dated August 1, 1915, referred to in the Articles of Association, Clause 123, has been renewed by your Board with the general managers for a period of a further ten years from August 2, 1915.

During the spring of the year, your Board had repeated inquiries for leave to view the mill: the necessary permission was granted in

almost every case. Several intending Japanese buyers went thoroughly over your property. However, as no bona fide offer to purchase resulted from these numerous inquiries, further permission to inspect has recently been withdrawn, constant visits of such a nature as we have been having are not encouraging, besides which they only tend to upset the good working of the staff.

Now that the tide has turned and the great war is over I am requested to state that your Board consider the shareholders have a most valuable asset both in the property and plant, which is capable of very considerable development, but which owing to more than four years of war has not yet been properly investigated as extensions will of necessity entail further capital expenditure.

With regard to the future we can only hope that the Peace Delegates representing the North and South at present in Shanghai will arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of their differences, and that once again we may see a peaceful China. With peace in sight and confidence restored in the vast consuming districts of China there is no doubt but that we shall see a revival in trade which will reflect upon Shanghai in general but more particularly upon the local spinning and weaving industries in which we are interested. The few weeks that have passed since January 1 have opened prosperously, and the future with the reopening of markets throughout China, trade should quickly recover and I venture to think that with the successful issue to the Chinese Peace Conference about to sit in Shanghai we can look for a period of satisfactory trading.

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed that the report and accounts be passed as presented, which was seconded by Mr. E. I. Ezra. The second resolution provided for the reappointment to the Board of Messrs. C. M. Bain and Chung Liang-yu and was proposed by Mr. K. Yebara and seconded by Mr. T. Lester Arnold, and the same being passed the Chairman said:—

In connection with the resolution you have just passed I have to inform you that your directors intend offering a seat on the board to Mr. Yebara, who now holds a considerable number of shares in the company. This decision was arrived at, too late to include in the annual report published for today's meeting. I have no doubt that shareholders will approve of this action. The appointment will have to be confirmed at a subsequent general meeting.

The chairman then read the third resolution, which was proposed by Mr. L. G. Westcott and seconded by Mr. Yebara, electing Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as auditors for the current year, and providing that the auditors' fee be increased from Tls. 250 to Tls. 500, and in this connection the Chairman said:—

"Before asking you to adopt this resolution I would like to express the Company's regret in the loss of Mr. Wingrove as our auditor. Mr. Wingrove has been the Company's auditor since the inception of the Company and it was, I need hardly say, matter of regret that his resignation owing to ill-health had to be accepted. I echo, I am sure, the sentiment of all shareholders in wishing him good health in the future."

There is the charm of novelty about the entertainment to be given by Malini, the magician, at City Hall, St. Andrew's Hall commencing Sat. 8th March, many of his tricks being altogether off the track of ordinary legdemane. Extraordinary feats follow each other in rapid succession. In addition to wonderful accomplishments as a conjurer, Malini is also gifted with fluency of speech, and while the quickness of the hand is deceiving the eye the audience is entertained by his amusing patter. The one great feature of Malini's entertainment is the absence of cumbersome appliances, his hands being his sole "props."

Malini is the possessor of many decorations presented him by rulers of different countries. A notable one is that from Yuan Shih Kai, being the first decoration given to a European by that statesman after he assumed office as the first President of the Republic of China. Malini has received flattering notices from the newspapers wherever he has appeared, and it seems safe to assume from them that Hongkong audiences are in for a rare treat at his entertainments. Some of his efforts are reminiscent of the mysterious legdemane described in some of the "Arabian Nights" entertainments, involving wonderful proficiency in the mystic art. Malini's season will be a short one, and the plans for every evening may be seen at Moutrie's.

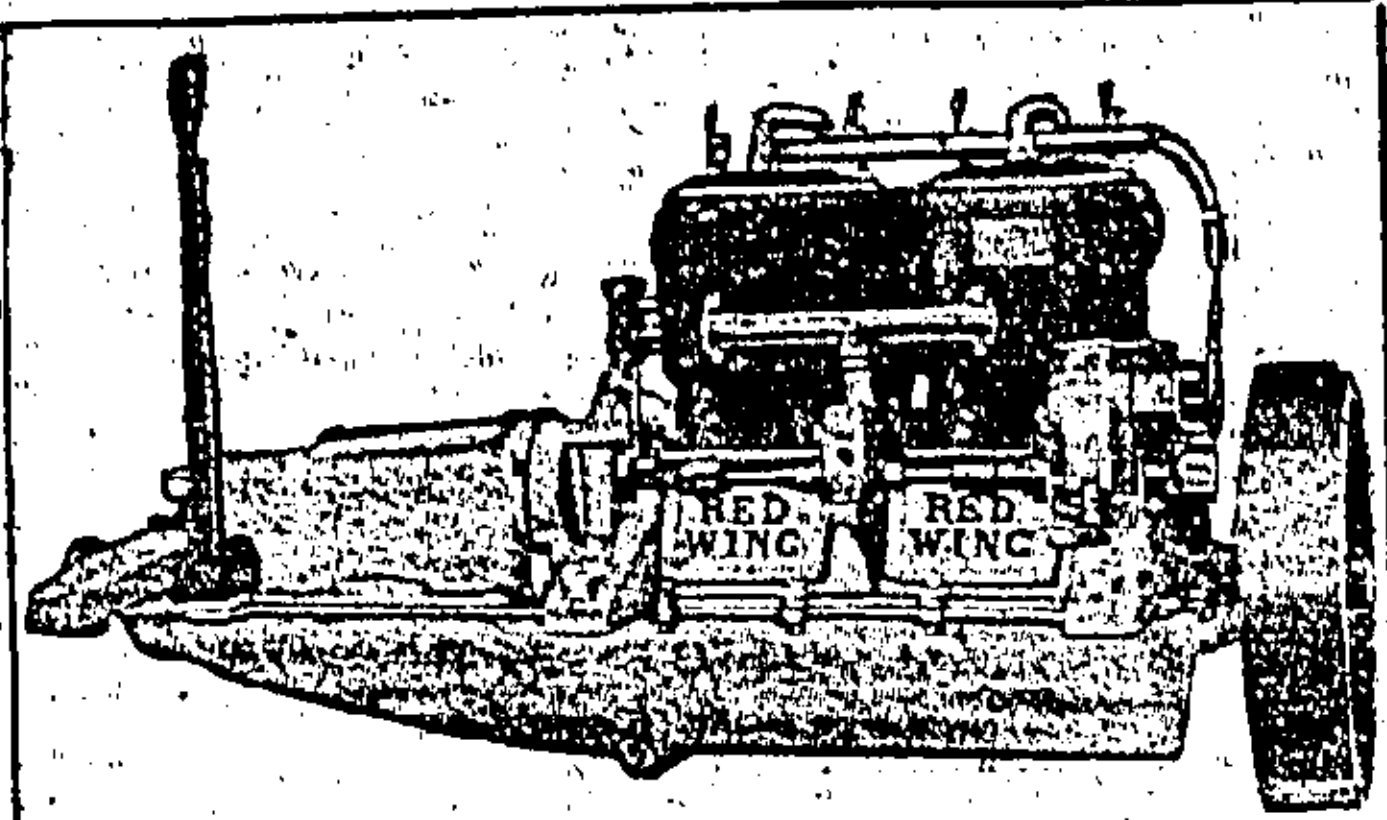
## BUT IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking nauseous medicines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## NOTICES.

**ARMOUR & CO.,**  
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WORLD'S LARGEST FOOD PACKERS.  
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CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS, WATCHES AND NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS REPAIRED UNDER MY PERSONAL SUPERVISION.

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## ARRIVALS OF STEAMERS.

MARCH 3, 1919.

TAKSANG, Brit., 677 tons, from Haiphong and Hoibow, Capt. Picknell, J.M. & Co. Cal.  
SULTAN VAN LANGKAT, Dutch, 2,283 tons, from Kobe, Capt. de Booye, A. Pat Co. East Point.  
HARA, Dutch, 389 tons, from Foochow, Capt. Smith, A. Pat Co. Taikeo Dock.  
VULCANUS, Dutch, 707 tons, from Canton, Capt. de Booye, A. Pat Co. Taikeo Dock.

CHUNG ON, Chi., 356 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. Brath, Sai Hing, wharf.  
FOCCHOW, Brit., 1,224 tons, from Saigon, Capt. Meacham, B. & S. Cal.  
LOONGSANG, Brit., 1,097 tons, from Manila, Capt. Alexander, J.M. & Co. Cal.  
PROVIDENCE, Norw., 674 tons, from Haiphong, Capt. Hansen, M.M. C. Booy.  
KAIFONG, Brit., 897 tons, from Pakhoi, Capt. Cogan, B. & S. Cal.  
RIJUN MARU, Jap., 2,890 tons, from Moji, Capt. Nabeo, Dowell, Kowloon wharf.

PAUSANG, Brit., 1,410 tons, from Wuchow, Capt. Brath, Sai Hing, wharf.  
KRODA MARU, Jap., 1,916 tons, from Bangkok, Capt. Owar, Y.K.K. West Point.

TACOMA, Brit., 4,233 tons, from San Francisco, Capt. Eyr, Standard Oil, Lai Chi Kok.  
BURMA MARU, Jap., 2,816 tons, from Moji, O.S.K. Kowloon wharf.  
FUKUKI MARU, Jap., 1,893 tons, from Moji, Capt. Washimoto, M.B.E., Cal.

MANAGURI, Brit., 1,988 tons, from Saigon, Capt. Jones, Y. Seng Fat, Cal.  
TAISANG, Brit., 1,594 tons, from Shanghai and Swatow, Capt. Richard, Moko, wharf.

OAKFIELD, Brit., 2,919 tons, from Seattle, Capt. Webster, Dodwell, Wanchai.  
SUNNING, Brit., 1,970 tons, from Shanghai and Amoy, Capt. Jones, B. & S. Cal.

## RED CROSS FLOWER STALL.

Acknowledged to 17.2. \$1,318.84  
Further receipts to 3.3. 619.12  
Total to date, ..... \$1,937.96

The Flower Stall will be closed after Saturday, March.

## CLEARANCES.

MARCH 3, 1919.

SULTAN VAN LANGKAT, Dutch, 3 p.m. for Padang via P. Sambor, A. Pat Co.  
WO SUN, Brit., 2.30 p.m. for K.C. Wan, Wang Hing.  
FUO LEE, Chi., 11 a.m. for Foochow, Thorneycroft.  
YUNNAN, Brit., noon, for Wuhu, B. & S.  
KAMUI MARU, Jap., 2 p.m. for Wanchow, Y.K.K.  
SUNNING, Brit., 7 p.m. for Canton, B. & S.

MARCH 4, 1919.  
PROVIDENCE, Norw., 6 a.m. for Hongkong, M.M.  
SHUN SHING, Chi., 10 a.m. for K.C. Wan via Macao, Po On.  
HUPEH, Brit., 10 a.m. for Bangkok via Swatow, B. & S.  
TACOMA, Brit., 8 a.m. for Calcutta via Penang, Standard Oil.  
WAR CHARGER, Brit., 11 a.m. for Vladivostok via Nagasaki, B. & S.  
TAISANG, Brit., 8 a.m. for Canton, J.M. & Co.  
CARLOS DE MAIA, Port, 7 a.m. for Macao, Portuguese Consul.

DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.  
WOMEN often become nervous and despondent when this is due to constipation. It is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

Have you ordered your Copy of

## The Dollar Directory

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From Messrs. BREWER &amp; Co.,

Tel. No. 694.

23, Queen's Road Central.

## POST OFFICE.

The mail dispatched from London to Hongkong via New York on 20th December last was received today in badly damaged condition. It was accompanied by the following report from the Seattle Post Office:—

"This mail was damaged by fire and water in Great Northern, Washington train No. 97 near Monroe, Washington on January 7th, 1919."

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc. for their use handed in at the G.P.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

The parcel post service has been resumed with Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Switzerland. For the present, however, only parcels obviously in the nature of gifts are accepted.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless telegraphy by Merchant Vessels in the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No official letter addressed to Abadan, Ahwas or Mohammara in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (or in transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Lüneburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Hanover, and Berlin in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt, except for members of the Expeditionary Forces, and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Freetown, French Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

## INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, March 5.  
Canada—Per MONTEAGLE.  
Haiphong and Europe—Per ANDRE LEBON.

FRIDAY, March 7.  
Canada—Per EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, March 5.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per SHINYO MARU. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.  
Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per BINTANG. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.  
Hankow—Per KWEILIN, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 6.  
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per ANDRE LEBON, 8.30 a.m.  
Bangkok, Java and Port Moresby via Batavia—Per JIKIN, 9 a.m.  
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.  
Shanghai, North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per WANCHOW, 3 p.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per FOCCHOW, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 7.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI PHONG, 8 p.m.  
Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 2 p.m.

Straits, Bangkok and India via Calcutta—Per YATSHING, 2 p.m.  
Shanghai, North China—Per TAISANG, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 8.  
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Durban, Kadi, Egypt and EUROPE via Suez—Per KUTANO MARU. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 2 p.m.  
SUNDAY, March 9.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, March 11.  
Swatow and Bangkok—Per LIANG CHOW, 9 a.m.  
Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI PHONG, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 12.  
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 13.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 10.  
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver—Per EMPRESS OF JAPAN. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

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